

Obituaries

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ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL
1847 - 1922

Alexander Graham Bell was born on March 3, 1847, in Edinburgh, the son of Alexander Melville Bell, a Scottish educator who developed a system called "visible speech." Alexander was educated at the universities of Edinburgh and London. He moved to the United States in 1871, residing in the Boston area. Throughout his life, Bell had been interested in the education of deaf people. He began teaching deaf-mutes with the visible speech system invented by his father. This system which shows how the lips, tongue, and throat are used in the articulation of sound. In 1872 Bell founded a school for deaf-mutes that subsequently became part of Boston University, where Bell was appointed professor of vocal physiology. Since

the age of 18, Bell had been working on the idea of transmitting speech electrically. In 1874, while working on a multiple telegraph, he developed the basic ideas for the telephone. His experiments finally proved successful on March 10, 1876, when the first complete sentence was transmitted: "Watson, come here; I want you." News of his invention quickly spread throughout the country, even throughout Europe. By 1878, Bell had set up the first telephone exchange in New Haven, Connecticut. By 1884, long distance connections were made between Boston,

Massachusetts and New York City. By 1877, Bell Telephone Co. was established. Some of his other inventions include the photophone, which transmits speech by light rays; the audiometer, which measures acuity in hearing; the induction balance, used to locate metal objects in human bodies; and the first wax recording cylinder, forming the basis of the modern phonograph. Bell was also one of the cofounders of the National Geographic Society, and he served as its president from 1896 to 1904. Alexander Graham Bell died on Aug. 2, 1922, at Baddeck.



Sketch of Alexander
Graham Bell's
invention—the
telephone.

THE AMERICAN DREAM

In 1925, F. Scott Fitzgerald portrayed the death of the American Dream in The Great Gatsby. He showed that all hopes of pursuing the American Dream are futile. George Wilson, as portrayed by Fitzgerald, is just one of the hard-working lower class people who will never achieve opulence and/or high status. George Wilson is married to Myrtle, who is tragically killed... (read on to learn more)



MYRTLE WILSON
1899-1929

Myrtle Wilson was tragically killed yesterday, February 17th 1928. She was run-down by an oncoming car. The killer is currently unknown, but investigators have reason to suspect Daisy Buchanan, a known enemy to Myrtle. Daisy Buchanan, however, is missing. Detectives urge anyone with information to call (123) 456- 7890.

Myrtle Wilson was rumored to be romantically involved with Tom Buchanan. Unfortunately for her, Tom treated her as a mere object of his desire. Her husband, George Wilson, owns a run-down garage in the Valley of the Ashes. He was dedicated to and idolized his wife. Myrtle possessed a fierce vitality and was always desperately looking for a way to improve her life. Unfortunately for her, it never happened. She is survived by her husband, George.